

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3525, the "Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act."

This bill seeks to create the first national museum dedicated to preserving the history, culture, and accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans (APA).

As the representative for the 18th District of Texas, which has a significant Asian population, this bill is of great personal importance to me.

Asian Americans are significant contributors of our nation's history as champions of social and racial justice. Yet, Asian Americans have also uniquely suffered in the United States, and those stories should also be told.

The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was the first and only major federal legislation to explicitly suspend immigration for a specific nationality. The basic exclusion law prohibited Chinese laborers—defined as "both skilled and unskilled laborers and Chinese employed in mining"—from entering the country.

Subsequent amendments to the law prevented Chinese laborers who had left the United States from returning. The passage of the act represented the outcome of years of racial hostility and anti-immigrant agitation by white Americans, set the precedent for later restrictions against immigration of other nationalities, and started a new era in which the United States changed from a country that welcomed almost all immigrants to a gatekeeping one.

Another glaring example of their suffering are the internment camps of World War II.

Prior to the outbreak of World War II, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had identified German, Italian, and Japanese aliens who were suspected of being potential enemy agents; and they were kept under surveillance. Following the attack at Pearl Harbor, government suspicion arose not only around aliens who came from enemy nations, but around all persons of Japanese descent, whether foreign born (issei) or American citizens (nisei). During congressional committee hearings, representatives of the Department of Justice raised logistical, constitutional, and ethical objections. Regardless, the task was turned over to the U.S. Army as a security matter.

The entire West Coast was deemed a military area and was divided into military zones. Executive Order 9066 authorized military commanders to exclude civilians from military

areas. Although the language of the order did not specify any ethnic group, Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt of the Western Defense Command proceeded to announce curfews that included only Japanese Americans. Next, he encouraged voluntary evacuation by Japanese Americans from a limited number of areas; about seven percent of the total Japanese American population in these areas complied.

On March 29, 1942, under the authority of the executive order, DeWitt issued Public Proclamation No. 4, which began the forced evacuation and detention of Japanese-American West Coast residents on a 48-hour notice. Only a few days prior to the proclamation, on March 21, Congress had passed Public Law 503, which made violation of Executive Order 9066 a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Because of the perception of "public danger," all Japanese Americans within varied distances from the Pacific coast were targeted. Unless they were able to dispose of or make arrangements for care of their property within a few days, their homes, farms, businesses, and most of their private belongings were lost forever.

From the end of March to August, approximately 112,000 persons were sent to "assembly centers"—often racetracks or fairgrounds—where they waited and were tagged to indicate the location of a long-term "relocation center" that would be their home for the rest of the war. Nearly 70,000 of the evacuees were American citizens. There were no charges of disloyalty against any of these citizens, nor was there any vehicle by which they could appeal their loss of property and personal liberty.

"Relocation centers" were situated many miles inland, often in remote and desolate locales. Sites included Tule Lake, California; Minidoka, Idaho; Manzanar, California; Topaz, Utah; Jerome, Arkansas; Heart Mountain, Wyoming; Poston, Arizona; Granada, Colorado; and Rohwer, Arkansas. (Incarceration rates were significantly lower in the territory of Hawaii, where Japanese Americans made up over one-third of the population and their labor was needed to sustain the economy. However, martial law had been declared in Hawaii immediately following the Pearl Harbor attack, and the Army issued hundreds of military orders, some applicable only to persons of Japanese ancestry.)

In the "relocation centers" (also called "internment camps"), four or five families, with their sparse collections of clothing and possessions, shared tar-papered army-style barracks. Most lived in these conditions for nearly three years or more until the end of the war. Gradually some insulation was added to the barracks and lightweight partitions were added to make them a little more comfortable and somewhat private. Life took on some familiar routines of socializing and school. However, eating in common facilities, using shared restrooms, and having limited opportunities for work interrupted other social and cultural pat-

terns. Persons who resisted were sent to a special camp at Tule Lake, California, where dissidents were housed.

In 1943 and 1944, the government assembled a combat unit of Japanese Americans for the European theater. It became the 442d Regimental Combat Team and gained fame as the most highly decorated of World War II. Their military record bespoke their patriotism.

As the war drew to a close, "internment camps" were slowly evacuated. While some persons of Japanese ancestry returned to their hometowns, others sought new surroundings. For example, the Japanese-American community of Tacoma, Washington, had been sent to three different centers; only 30 percent returned to Tacoma after the war. Japanese Americans from Fresno had gone to Manzanar; 80 percent returned to their hometown.

The internment of Japanese Americans during World War II sparked constitutional and political debate. During this period, three Japanese-American citizens challenged the constitutionality of the forced relocation and curfew orders through legal actions: Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu, and Mitsuye Endo. Hirabayashi and Korematsu received negative judgments; but Mitsuye Endo, after a lengthy battle through lesser courts, was determined to be "loyal" and allowed to leave the Topaz, Utah, facility.

Justice Murphy of the Supreme Court expressed the following opinion in *Ex parte Mitsuye Endo*:

I join in the opinion of the Court, but I am of the view that detention in Relocation Centers of persons of Japanese ancestry regardless of loyalty is not only unauthorized by Congress or the Executive but is another example of the unconstitutional resort to racism inherent in the entire evacuation program. As stated more fully in my dissenting opinion in *Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu v. United States*, 323 U.S. 214, 65 S.Ct. 193, racial discrimination of this nature bears no reasonable relation to military necessity and is utterly foreign to the ideals and traditions of the American people.

In 1988, Congress passed, and President Reagan signed, Public Law 100-383—the Civil Liberties Act of 1988—that acknowledged the injustice of "internment," apologized for it, and provided a \$20,000 cash payment to each person who was incarcerated.

One of the most stunning ironies in this episode of denied civil liberties was articulated by an internee who, when told that Japanese Americans were put in those camps for their own protection, countered "If we were put there for our protection, why were the guns at the guard towers pointed inward, instead of outward?"

Asian Americans and Asian immigrants also have suffered systematic exclusion from the political process and it has taken a series of reforms, including repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1943, and passage of amendments strengthening the Voting Rights Act

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three decades later, to fully extend the franchise to Asian Americans. It was with this history in mind that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was designed to make the right to vote a reality for all Americans.

Despite this track record of suffering familiar to all minority groups in America, we must not forget the positive history of Asian Americans.

Congresswoman MENG, the sponsor of this bill, put it best when she recalled how:

"Chinese Americans fought for the Union at the Battles of Antietam and Gettysburg during the American Civil War and Japanese Americans comprised the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II, which became the most decorated unit in the history of the U.S. Military."

"While Chinese and Japanese Americans have demonstrated valor and bravery, they have also faced institutionalized disenfranchisement that manifested in U.S. laws such as the Chinese Exclusion Act and Executive Order 9066 that ordered the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Yet, from the first wave of Southeast Asian refugees on our shores to the Filipino Americans who helped found the farmworker labor movement—AAPIs have left an indelible mark on our American story."

"From these Halls of Congress to every American classroom, our AAPI heroes such as Grace Lee Boggs—a human rights activist for seven decades; Larry Itliong—the quintessential leader for labor rights and justice; Dalip Singh Saund—the first Asian American elected to Congress; and Patsy Mink—the first woman of color elected to Congress, and the original champion of Title IX protections in the Higher Education Act, have fought for human and civil rights and social justice with their every breath. Shamefully, these stories are starkly missing from the narrative of American history."

Mr. Speaker, these stories must not continue to be unknown to so many Americans. This bill would put an end to that shameful practice, so I am proud to support it and urge my colleagues to as well.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE GABRIEL A. RODRIGUEZ AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 1928

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today it is our honor to recognize the contributions and service of the Gabriel A. Rodriguez American Legion Post No. 1928 as they celebrate their first annual dinner this April.

American Legion Post No. 1928 was chartered in 1986 and for the last 36 years has honored the American Legion's foundational pillars of programs and activities that support Americanism, National Security, Children & Youth, and Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation.

Just a few months after the Post was founded by Hispanic American veterans in Western New York, the Legion was renamed the Gabriel A. Rodriguez American Legion Post No. 1928, in honor of their fallen Vietnam War veteran, friend and brother affectionately known as Gabe.

As a member of the United States Army's 25th Infantry Division, Gabriel Rodriguez spent over a year in the Qui Nhon region of the Republic of Vietnam. But his service didn't stop there. Upon his return home he joined the New York National Guard where he would serve from 1971 to 1977.

Gabe suffered from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a result of his wartime experiences which led to his passing in 1981. To honor his legacy, the Gabriel A. Rodriguez Post serves as a place of comfort and community for all veterans including those experiencing PTSD today.

The Gabriel A. Rodriguez American Legion Post members' commitment to serving veterans and the community is impactful and unwavering. They helped lead the national push to award the Borinqueneers the Congressional Gold Medal, organized food distribution events during the pandemic, and regularly reach out to help fellow veterans receive the benefits and medals they've earned.

Madam Speaker, for the members of the Gabriel A. Rodriguez American Legion Post No. 1928, a commitment to service didn't end following their honorable discharge from duty. It continues today and our community and country are better thanks to their ongoing care and efforts.

#### CELEBRATING ODESSA'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the founding of Odessa, Washington. To outsiders, Odessa may seem like a small rural town in Eastern Washington, but to those of us who know it well, it is a town full of entrepreneurial spirit, love for America, and passionate people—past and present.

First settled in the 1880s by cattlemen, Odessa is nestled in the Channeled Scablands of Eastern Washington, which is one of the seven wonders of the Evergreen State. Shortly after, the Great Northern Railroad was built, and railroad officials sought to attract immigrants to buy up land, grow wheat, and ship the crop by rail. This transformed the town from a painted sign to a booming economy.

Homesteader George Finney, seeing the potential for greatness, donated his land to establish Odessa in 1899. He was right. In just a few short years, more immigrants arrived, participating in the local economy and growing the town culturally and spiritually.

Today, Odessa is a vibrant community that more than 1,000 residents call home. The town's rich tradition of hard work and grit makes it a shining example of small town America and the hope of a better future. With approximately 80 percent of Odessa residents able to trace their ancestry to the Black Sea and Volga Germans, the town will celebrate their 51st annual Deutschesfest this September with authentic German food, live music, a city-block large biergarten, parades, and a street fair.

As the representative in Congress for this one-of-a-kind town, I am so inspired by Odessa's dedication to keeping its heritage alive

through education. The residents are committed to ensuring their kids become the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs, just like their ancestors. On this most special day, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Odessa's 120 years of remarkable history and celebrating their personification of the American spirit.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF HENRY THACKER "HARRY" BURLEIGH

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the contributions of Henry Thacker "Harry" Burleigh of the great state of New York. The newly christened Harry T. Burleigh Place in Gramercy Park celebrates a man who dedicated his life to enhancing lives through music singing, composing and social justice. This well-deserving recognition honors the indelible impact Mr. Burleigh, known widely as the Father of Spiritual Music, left on New York and communities around the world.

Born in 1866 and growing up in Erie, Pennsylvania as a young African-American baritone singer, Harry Burleigh traveled to New York City and applied to the National Conservatory of Music to study with well-known Director and composer, Antonin Dvorak. His exceptional talent was recognized, and a scholarship awarded to Mr. Burleigh in 1892 enabled him to gain experience editing recordings and developing his classical spirituals. One of these was "Deep River" a spiritual composition from 1917 which is recognized all over the world to this day.

Tragically, Mr. Burleigh's life was spent under the heinous abuses of Jim Crow, and the systemic discrimination of "separate but equal" endemic to it. Yet in the face of these challenges to his rights and liberties, Mr. Burleigh always led with his talents and tireless work ethic, earning him many glowing accomplishments throughout his life. In 1894, Mr. Burleigh auditioned at St. George's Episcopal Church at 4 Rutherford Place in Manhattan, which still stands proudly today within my district and holds concerts celebrating Burleigh's compositions annually. Church member J.P. Morgan insisted that St. George's hire Mr. Burleigh, and so became the church's Choral Director. He would continue to introduce and play his classical spiritual music there for 52 years. Concurrently he integrated Temple Emanu-El, now Congregation Emanu-El, for a quarter of a century. In 1895, Mr. Burleigh made it a point to personally test the strength of newly passed civil rights laws in New York by asking for service at 25 establishments.

From 1908 onward, he sang for King Edward VII in London, performed on Mayor La Guardia's weekly radio show Talk to the People, and composed over 200 pieces encompassing the classical spiritual music genre. The renowned Dvorak Symphony No. 9 (From the New World) credits the incorporation and soulfulness of Burleigh's spiritual works. Mr. Burleigh was also a distinguished chartered member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) bestowed with great public honors. He received

the 1917 N.A.A.C.P. Spingarn Achievement Medal, and honorary Doctorate of Music from Howard University and Atlanta University in 1920. In addition, Mr. Burleigh mentored Paul Robeson, Marion Anderson, Roland Hayes and Enrico Caruso who would go on to make their own exciting contributions to our nation's musical story.

Mr. Burleigh's legacy of social justice lives on through The Harry T. Burleigh Society. Formed in 2017, the society continues Burleigh's important legacy of disrupting boundaries and challenging social norms to address issues of our time. The Center for Peace, Equity & Justice at Friends Seminary School in New York City, coordinated an education/postcard campaign that was sent to Community Board Six in Manhattan, further highlighting his importance in American social justice to our beloved city.

The co-naming on September 12, 2021 at the South East corner of 16th Street and Third Avenue, Harry T. Burleigh Place, stands now as a testament to his important work as a baritone soloist, choral director, music arranger, editor, mentor, and a New York Community leader.

Harry Burleigh contributed so much to New York and the world, adding his sonorous and unique brand of spiritual signing to our ever-growing chorus of American culture. I am pleased to add my own voice to that chorus today in recognition and remembrance of this great man.

#### CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE PARTNERSHIP OF DOUGLAS COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (PDCG)

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of The Partnership of Douglas County Governments (PDCG). The PDCG consists of nine local government entities working collaboratively for the greater good of Douglas County's 380,000 residents on impactful issues, projects, and programs.

During the last 20 years, through their collective allegiance to a single mission, the group has focused on creating better communities for their constituents. Since its inception, PDCG accomplishments have included: the Housing Partnership and the Youth Initiative; the Douglas County Mental Health Initiative; collaborative emergency management and public safety; transportation improvements; open space, parks, trails, and recreation initiatives; health and human services programs; as well as specific public health efforts, such as their 18-month COVID-19 Community Response.

In 2017, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) nominated PDCG for both the Strategic Leadership & Governance Award and the Community Partnership Award. PDCG also works together to strengthen community bonds and protect its citizens. It is a privilege to have such an organization in Colorado's Fourth District.

The dedicated members of the Partnership of Douglas County Governments serve our community in countless ways every day. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize their hard work and determination.

#### HIGHLANDS CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2793, the "Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2022." The Highlands Conservation Act, a bipartisan land conservation program funded through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), protects critical conservation areas in the Mid-Atlantic Highlands of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut. The Highlands is a nationally significant landscape that yields benefits and resources to more than 11 million Americans.

A boon to our agriculture and tourism economy, the bill authorizes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. Forest Service to work together to help the Highland states, local governments, nonprofits and private forest and farm landowners to conserve the land and natural resources of the Highlands region, helping to lower costs for local farmers and preserve open spaces.

Since 2007, \$70 million in funding has been awarded through the Highlands Conservation Act Grant Program to the four States, including \$20 million to New York. The program has helped preserve nearly 11,000 acres in the Highlands region, including over 4,000 in the state of New York alone.

This bill will improve upon the already popular land conservation partnership projects made possible by the Highlands Conservation Act Grant Program. In consultation with conservation groups and the FWS, the Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act:

Reauthorizes this important program through 2028 with \$20 million in annual funding.

Authorizes set-aside funding for the FWS to administer the program in a manner consistent with appropriations and other administered FWS programs.

Includes a process in which states can petition for new areas to be included in the Highlands region, thus allowing for expansion of the eligible areas.

Provides states with more complete information of what areas are ecologically connected.

Allows the petition process to be administered on a rolling basis to eliminate possible bottlenecks.

Gives FWS approval authority in the petition process, to remain consistent with how the program is currently administered.

Allows the FWS to modernize the science of conservation resource values in the region.

Responsible conservation is important for maintaining this country's beautiful lands. Mr. Speaker, the Highlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2022 achieves such ends, so I am proud to support this significant piece of legislation and urge my colleagues to as well.

#### RECOGNIZING JEAN HAMIL, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES AUXILIARY

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jean Hamil for her position as National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary. Jean Hamil has had a rewarding career in serving the Auxiliary in a plethora of capacities and her work has impacted veterans across the United States, including those veterans who are a part of our very own community in Buffalo.

Jean Hamil's father, George W. Nunnery, is a Korean War Veteran who served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1973. Her father's service allowed her to become a Life Member of the East Seminole County Auxiliary 10139.

In addition to working as the Auxiliary, District and Department President, Jean Hamil has worked on the national level, serving as a National District Council Member and the National Director of the Membership Program. She is also a life Member of the VFW National Home for Children and a member of the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary, which works to serve struggling families.

In addition to being National President of the VFW Auxiliary, Jean Hamil is employed by the Food Safety & Environmental Compliance for A. Duda & Sons, Incorporation as a Manager.

By combining her lifelong passion of supporting our veterans, with her hobby and love of quilting, Jean Hamil formed a small group called the "Quilting Angels." The group creates quilts for veterans at the Orlando VA Healthcare Center, Quilts of Valor-Orange and Seminole counties, as well as for children who are located at the Safe House center and seniors in Seminole County.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the hard work of Jean Hamil. Her hard work and dedication to our veterans throughout her rich career is something to truly admire, and something to continue to be grateful for as she continues her service as the National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY AND SCHWEITZER ENGINEERING LABORATORIES

#### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historic partnership between Washington State University (WSU) and Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL).

On Monday, April 18, 2022, Washington State University announced a gift of \$20 million from Dr. and Mrs. Ed Schweitzer and Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. This is

the single-largest philanthropic donation ever made to WSU's Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture, and it will go towards building the brand new, state-of-the-art Schweitzer Engineering Hall at WSU's campus in Pullman, Wash.

Dr. Schweitzer is a WSU alumnus and former professor who has participated in years of research collaborations with the university. He is also the founder of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, which is Washington's 5th Congressional District's largest private employer.

Since its founding, SEL has employed hundreds of Washington State Cougars, including nearly 450 currently working at the company. This historic contribution represents an exciting new chapter in a long-standing and successful partnership between WSU and SEL that will undoubtedly contribute to new learning opportunities for the next generation of leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

I am incredibly proud of the leadership at WSU and SEL, and I am grateful to call the Schweitzers my friends. Their generous contributions and unwavering commitment to the future leaders of our nation is vital to ushering in a new era of innovation that will take America to new heights.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic partnership and the tremendous impact it will have for students in Eastern Washington. I wish them nothing but success as they embark on this journey together.

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Small Business Week, which is being held this year from May first to the seventh. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and provide so many Americans with the means to live their own American Dream.

In my district, Pennsylvania's Eleventh, over half of all workers are employed by small businesses. At the age of seventeen, I became a small business owner and built the company over twenty-five years to employ hundreds in family-sustaining jobs.

I know firsthand how important it is to support a pro-small business environment, allowing them to thrive. I support policies that create opportunities for our country's small business owners to take risks with the knowledge that their success means success for the entire community.

America's free enterprise system and entrepreneurial spirit have allowed so many to start their own small business and live their American Dream.

As we recognize National Small Business Week, we congratulate and show gratitude to all those entrepreneurs across our district and country. In addition, we thank the employees of the Small Business Administration who have helped business owners in Pennsylvania's Eleventh District access vital aid throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They have been a reliable resource to my staff, and we are thankful for their work.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MILLARD OAKLEY

### HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the late Millard Vaughn Oakley, one of the greatest Tennesseans I have ever known. He passed away on April 21 after an extraordinary ninety-one years of life. He was a faithful husband, a loving father and grandfather, an exemplary public servant, and a passionate believer in his small town and the surrounding region. His legacy will live on in our state's history for generations.

He was born May 11, 1930, in Overton County, where he resided his entire life. Mr. Oakley was the son of the late T.M. and Cordia Vaughn Oakley and was the youngest of seven children. He graduated from Livingston Academy in 1947, then attended Tennessee Technological University, and earned a law degree from the Cumberland School of Law in 1951. He then went on to practice law for about 18 years and embarked on a lifetime of public service.

Millard served one term to the Constitutional Convention, four terms as a State Representative, and four terms as Overton County Attorney. His law experience brought him here to Washington in 1971, where he served as General Counsel for the U.S. House Select Committee on Small Business for two years before moving back to the Volunteer State to serve as State Insurance Commissioner from 1975 to 1979.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Oakley was a business leader who played a key role in the economic development of the Upper Cumberland region. He started in life as a shoeshine on the Livingston Square and checked out as a multi-millionaire, chasing the excitement of the next great business deal, opportunity, or challenge.

If you took a trip to Overton County, you wouldn't have to look far to find someone directly blessed by Mr. Oakley. That is certainly true for me.

A lifetime ago, he became friends with my grandfather, Guy Williams from Fentress County. I admired my grandfather a great deal and learned much from him. Grandpa Williams was the consummate entrepreneur. He had successes and failures, but the latter never slowed him down. It is likely the reason he and Mr. Oakley hit it off so well. When my grandfather passed away, I lost a great mentor.

Years later, I became acquainted with my grandfather's old friend, Millard Oakley. Instinctively, I was drawn to him, and he was kind enough to show me the courtesy of being interested in my life. Eventually, a friendship grew out of an acquaintance and later this friend became one of my most trusted mentors and advisers.

We come from opposing political parties. I am a Conservative Republican. He was a Southern Democrat, but that never impeded his willingness to encourage me or hear me out. Our debates and disagreements were always cordial. There was never a time when I did not glean something valuable from a conversation I had with him. He cared and believed in me, and that meant the world. Count-

less Tennesseans would say the same about this mighty man. There was not a person in the entire town who Mr. Oakley did not endeavor to know. Whether you were the gas station clerk, a sheriff's deputy, or a student—you mattered to Millard Oakley.

What I will always miss is his most sincere compassion. He gave life to the dreams of many. His generosity will live on through his numerous funds and scholarships to multiple schools and foundations. You'll find many buildings at Cumberland University and Tennessee Tech bearing the name Oakley for their strong support of higher education. In 2015, the Oakleys donated Hartsaw Cove Farm, equaling about 1,400 acres in size, along with the farm livestock and equipment, to Tennessee Tech. That gift was estimated to be worth more than \$9 million.

As you venture down Interstate 40 in Cookeville and exit to State Route 111, you will find yourself on "Millard Vaughn Oakley Parkway," the main thoroughfare into the town so dearly loved by this treasure of a Tennessean. Up that State Route, you will find an impressive public library giving children and adults access to thousands of books and a new, magnificent county building, each made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Oakley.

You will also see a modest office in a single-story office complex, which is also home to the local radio station bearing his name, where he worked most days he was in town. You will also see First National Bank—his bank and a major employer in the region. It was through his financial institutions that he helped several small business owners expand and thrive.

Today, I sit in the emptiness of loss. I grieve in the void left by a giant. There is no replacing Millard Oakley, only honoring him by being better, doing better, and leaving this world a little better. In memory of a great Tennessean, who did it better than anyone I have ever known, I pray that we will each take up the mantle and leave our communities a little better than we found them.

#### SCORE FOR SMALL BUSINESS ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6450 the SCORE for Small Business Act of 2022 which would:

reauthorize \$13.5 million for the program for two years;

ensure the SBA prevents abuse and misuse of funds; and

expand counseling and training programs to provide online webinars, electronic mentoring platforms and online toolkits to better serve small businesses.

The SCORE program provides vital mentoring and education programs for business owners and entrepreneurs.

SCORE is dedicated to helping small business owners plan, launch, manage and grow their businesses. The programs volunteers also give continuous advice and support to the firms.

Almost 97 percent of businesses in the greater Houston area have fewer than 500

employees—the standard to be considered a small business—and these collectively employ 44 percent of the region's workforce, about 1.2 million people.

Houston adds more than 9,200 new startups annually. In 2021 startups attracted a record \$753 million in venture capital funding, up from \$702 million in 2019.

The creation of small businesses in Houston is likely to keep growing. Last year, real estate investment group Roofstock released a report ranking Houston among the Nation's top 10 metros for startup formation.

Houston also ranks number 5 among the nation's largest metro areas when it comes to the percentage of minority-owned startups.

Nearly 5,600 startups in the Houston area are minority-owned or about 30 percent of all companies less than two years old.

Together, these minority businesses employ more than 22,700 workers in the region.

But in a region where minorities make up 64 percent of the population, clear inequities in entrepreneurship remain in Houston that mirror the rest of the Nation.

There are currently close to 170,000 minority-owned startups in the U.S. employing more than 700,000 workers and generating close to \$100 billion in annual revenue.

Nationally, Hispanics represent about 18 percent of the population but just 7 percent of startup owners. For Black Americans, those figures diminish to just 12 percent and 3 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, Non-Hispanic Whites make up 60 percent of the U.S. population but own nearly 80 percent of the nation's startups.

Mr. Speaker, the reauthorization of the SCORE program funding is essential to the thousands of minorities and women entrepreneurs in this country.

People who have been historically disadvantaged are the people who benefit most from programs like SCORE and we must ensure that they continue to receive assistance.

I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 6450 the SCORE for Small Business Act.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF CAROL DAWSON'S DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO VIRGINIA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carol Dawson for her service to this country and to Virginia's First Congressional District. Carol served in several positions in the Department of Energy during the Reagan administration, served across numerous Boards in Virginia, and most recently as a prominent member of the Lancaster County Republican Party Committee. Carol's dedication to service and to citizen-leadership is an inspiration to others and I am thankful for her tireless efforts for Virginia's First District.

Carol has worked tirelessly, not only as a federal employee, but also as a state and civil servant. Carol served on the board of directors of the National Conservative Campaign, as well as a member of the Virginia Racing Commission under former Virginia Governor McDonnell. When I was informed that Carol

would be leaving Virginia's First District to move closer to her family in Florida, I was saddened that this district would be losing an outstanding citizen.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me today to recognize Carol Dawson and her dedication to the constituents of Virginia's First District. Carol has and continues to live a wonderful life, and I wish her the best of luck on her future journey in life.

#### CONGRATULATING JEANNINE TRUSWELL ON HER RETIREMENT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF UNITED WAY OF WELD COUNTY

#### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and dedication of Jeannine Truswell, who announced that she would be retiring after 36 years with the United Way of Weld County. Her fierce commitment and vision have improved the lives of countless members of the Weld County community.

Jeannine began her tenure as the President and CEO of the United Way of Weld County in 1986, after seven years as the Executive Director of the Weld County Partners Mentoring Youth program. When she took over the organization, its annual fundraising was a little over \$500,000. Through her tireless work and determination, the United Way of Weld County now raises almost \$5 million annually. In 2011, Jeannine launched Weld Project Connect, a yearly, one-day initiative hosted through the United Way that has served over 8600 people. This program brings awareness to problems in the local community, coordinates governmental agencies, and seeks to inspire Weld County citizens to help one another.

Over the years, Jeannine has guided countless service projects, genuinely connecting and engaging with volunteers as they participated in various events. With Jeannine at the helm of United Way, her focused mission of selfless service has brought positive community-wide solutions through projects and partnerships, including the Weld County Child Abuse Coalition and Founding 211 Colorado. Further, Jeannine has received recognition as A Women's Place Outstanding Women of Weld County and BizWest's Most Influential Business Leader and Woman of Distinction.

On behalf of the Fourth District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations to Jeannine for her honorable service to the people of Weld County.

#### HONORING THE MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM THAT SERVED AT THE ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER (ECMC)

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today we recognize the exceptional mem-

bers of the Military Medical Team completing a mission at Erie County Medical Center (ECMC).

During their time in Buffalo, New York, this team of dedicated and talented physicians, nurses, respiratory technicians, and support members have extended great compassion, risked their own health, and provided life-saving care to our friends, family, and neighbors.

Western New York was one of several deployments made by this unit through a Department of Defense effort providing assistance to civilian hospitals in over 100 cities across the nation since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Time and again, members of the United States military answer the call when our country and our people are in need.

Frontline healthcare workers here at ECMC and throughout the nation have made great sacrifices throughout the pandemic.

We are deeply grateful to these members of the United States Navy for the expertise and support they provided during this national health emergency.

Our community and country are healthier, safer and stronger thanks to their service.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF CRAIG SALO

#### HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Craig Salo for his service as the Marquette County Veterans Service Officer and the Head of Marquette County Department of Veteran Affairs. Through his tireless work and steadfast devotion to our Veterans and local communities, Craig has become an indispensable part of the State of Michigan and the United States of America.

Craig Salo was born in Republic, Michigan, and graduated from Northern Michigan University in Marquette. In December 1991, he was commissioned by the U.S. Army as a Distinguished Military Graduate and attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course in Fort Benning, Georgia. Following the end of his training, he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in the 4th Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment in Sandhofen, Germany. In addition to being deployed in both Afghanistan and Iraq, Craig went on to serve 22 years in the U.S. Army and retired as the U.S. Army Africa G2-X Division Chief in 2014.

Following his retirement from the military, Craig was hired as the first-ever Marquette County Veterans Service Officer and Head of the local Department of Veteran Affairs. Under his outstanding leadership, the Marquette County Department of Veteran Affairs has proudly served many of our Michigan Veterans, and his work has led to the establishment of many local Veteran programs including the creation of the Marquette County Phone App and a transportation network for retired servicemembers. His efforts have greatly benefited the local Veteran community and will certainly inspire future successors of the position.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Craig Salo for his years of service to our country and his diligent work for our Veterans and community. Michiganders can take great

pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated citizen. On behalf of my constituents, I wish him all the best in his new position and his future endeavors.

# WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6441, the Women's Business Centers Improvement Act, to amend the Small Business Act and improve the Women's Business Centers program.

The Women's Business Centers Improvement Act reauthorizes the WBC program for four years, increases the authorization level from \$18 million annually to \$31.5 million, and increases the cap on individual center grants for the first time since the program began.

The bill also establishes an accreditation program run by the Association of Small Business Development Centers to ensure all WBCs provide excellent service and counseling and will increase access to resources and opportunities for female entrepreneurs across the country.

WBCs help women succeed in business by providing training, mentoring, business development, and financing opportunities.

Compared to men, women comprise a smaller percentage of entrepreneurs and start fewer businesses in the United States. Currently, only 24.5 percent of startups in their first two years are owned by women, according to the American Survey of Entrepreneurs.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the changing face of employment has seen a lot of people go into business for themselves. Women are part of the entrepreneurial trend in Houston. Nationally, Houston ranks fourth in the number of women-owned businesses.

In the metro area, more than half (252,000) of businesses are minority-owned and 40 percent (172,000) are women-owned.

Houston is a place where community members take pride in their homes and businesses, and when faced with challenges, like Hurricane Harvey in 2017, they come together in their determination to move forward.

Despite these strengths, disparities prevent minorities and women from fully participating in wealth-building through small business ownership.

These challenges are not unique to Houston: nationally, women and minorities face proportional barriers to starting and sustaining businesses.

Women and minority business owners are not reaching the size of their male and non-minority peers.

The expansion of funding outlined in H.R. 6441 will be pivotal to the success of women-owned businesses as they continue to grow, giving women the resources to reach their full potential.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill because we must support the women entrepreneurs of our great Nation.

# 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY

**HON. TROY BALDERSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 175th anniversary of Otterbein University—a regionally accredited private liberal arts university located in Ohio's 12th Congressional District. Founded in 1847 by the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, the university has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to preparing its students for success in their careers and in life. I rise today to commemorate this momentous occasion for Otterbein University and recognize a record of excellence in higher education.

Since its inception, Otterbein University has firmly established itself upon the principles of lifelong learning and opening doors of opportunity for its students. A pioneer in a time of societal inequality, Otterbein was one of the nation's first universities to enroll both women and people of color.

Today, Otterbein University has an enrollment of approximately 2,600 undergraduate students, and 400 graduate students working toward one of its several master's degree programs. Reaching near and far, Otterbein boasts a vast network of over 25,000 alumni scattered all across the world. Otterbein maintains a strong commitment to its core values of opportunity, diversity, equality, and lifelong learning. Reflected in its long list of honors and awards, Otterbein takes great pride in its dedication to community service. In 2015, Otterbein earned the distinguished Carnegie Community Service Classification—a leading national designation for institutional commitment to service.

The future of Otterbein University is bright as it continues to provide opportunities in higher education for generations to come. To this day, Otterbein embodies its core values which have guided the university since the beginning. I am proud to join Otterbein University's faculty, students and staff in celebrating this remarkable milestone. After 175 years in higher education, Otterbein has much to be proud of. Congratulations.

# HONORING GREG LAIS, FOUNDER OF WILDERNESS INQUIRY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Greg Lais, upon his retirement after more than 40 years as the founder and executive director of the nonprofit Wilderness Inquiry. Greg is a visionary leader whose disability advocacy, commitment to equity and enthusiasm for nature has opened a gateway to the outdoors for Minnesotans and people across the country of all backgrounds and abilities.

Shortly after graduating from college in 1978, a lifelong passion for the outdoors led Greg Lais and his fellow graduate Paul

Schurke to start organizing outdoor trips. What seemed like a somewhat ordinary idea became a trailblazing endeavor. Building on the success of a week-long trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness with a group of people with a variety of physical abilities, Greg and Paul began "Wilderness Inquiry"—a transformative nonprofit dedicated to providing access to the outdoors through world-class wilderness experiences to anyone, regardless of abilities.

Under Greg's leadership over more than 40 years, the nonprofit has grown to offer a wide variety of trips and experiences, both across the nation and around the world, that welcome people from all walks of life and all abilities. Whether it's a first canoeing trip down a local river, camping in a national park, or exploring the farthest reaches of the world, Wilderness Inquiry empowers everyone to access adventures. Their amazing team of staff and outdoor leaders create trips that are fun, memorable and life-changing for students, families and business teams alike.

Greg knew early on that the strength of Wilderness Inquiry was its valued partnerships with many different organizations. Today, Wilderness Inquiry fulfills their mission to share the outdoors with everyone with the help of more than 100 different entities. Collaboration with U.S. Interior Department agencies like the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on its CanoeMobile initiative is one of its most successful endeavors. The CanoeMobile "floating classroom" experience works with urban cities and school districts, countless volunteers and other organizations to bring students from all backgrounds out on waterways around the country in beautiful, hand-crafted 24-foot Voyageur canoes to learn about science, history, geography and culture.

Based on his own outdoor experiences, Greg understands how powerful interaction with the natural world is to our health, happiness and desire to protect our natural resources. Through these shared adventures, presumptions are challenged, people grow, and community is strengthened. I can vouch for the fact that these adventures are fun and inspiring. But the best proof is in the smiling faces of the more than 40,000 people that Wilderness Inquiry serves each year.

Even as he approaches retirement, Greg continues to offer his expertise and energy to help nurture the next generation of outdoor leaders. This week, Greg's family, coworkers and many friends will join him to celebrate a remarkable career with Wilderness Inquiry.

Madam Speaker, please join me in rising to pay tribute to the leadership of Greg Lais as he retires from Wilderness Inquiry after more than 40 years, and in honor of his ongoing commitment to conservation, equitable access to the outdoors and vision to create positive change.

# CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF URSULINE COLLEGE

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on the 150th anniversary of the oldest women's college in Ohio, Ursuline College. Here is a bit of its outstanding history.

In 1850, four Ursuline Sisters and an English laywoman left their monastery in Boulogne-sur-Mer, France and traveled by ship to the United States, where they established the first Catholic schools in the newly formed Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio. They had been invited to Cleveland by the Most Reverend Louis Amadeus Rappe, the first bishop of the diocese and former chaplain to this group of Ursulines in Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Within a month of their arrival in Cleveland, the Ursulines opened an academy for 300 pupils. As their congregation grew, they opened more Catholic schools across Greater Cleveland.

In 1871, Mother Mary of the Annunciation Beaumont, the first superior of the Cleveland Ursulines, obtained a charter from the State of Ohio to establish Ohio's first Catholic college for women. The new college was located in the same building as the motherhouse on Cleveland's Euclid Avenue—focused on the liberal arts.

In its first 95 years, Ursuline College had five different locations in the City of Cleveland before opening its current campus in the Cleveland suburb of Pepper Pike, Ohio in 1966. There, it continues to emphasize the leadership role of women in a wide array of professions.

In 1975, the Diocese of Cleveland closed its Saint John College and asked Ursuline to absorb St. John's Division of Nursing. Ursuline's current Breen School of Nursing and Health Professions grew from this strong foundation to become a nationally recognized Center of Excellence, as designated by the National League for Nursing in 2021. Nursing is Ursuline's highest-enrolled field of study, and Ursuline nursing graduates today help staff Cleveland's top hospitals.

In 2000, Ursuline athletes began competing in inter-collegiate sports. The Ursuline Arrows are now a member program of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference at the NCAA Division II level.

Now, 150 years since its founding, Ursuline remains the only women-focused college in the State of Ohio, and one of the few in the U.S. founded and continuously led by women. True to its original vision, Ursuline continues to transform students for service, leadership, and professional excellence. Its thousands of alumnae, in turn, bring compassion and competence to their service to others in professional and community roles including nursing, business, law, teaching, historic preservation, social work, counseling, art therapy, and more.

Together, we look forward to celebrating the next 150 years of this remarkable institution.

#### 107TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

#### HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the solemn 107th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The atrocities began on April 24, 1915 and lasted until 1923. It is our responsibility to recognize the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians 107 years ago.

The Armenian Genocide is an important reminder that crimes against humanity must not

go without recognition and condemnation. By recognizing the Armenian Genocide, we pay tribute to the perseverance and determination of those who survived. We also honor the Americans of Armenian descent who have helped strengthen our country.

As a Member of the Armenia Caucus, I have consistently supported resolutions sponsored by my colleagues in the Caucus in recognition of the Armenian Genocide, which state that it is the policy of the United States to commemorate the Armenian Genocide through official recognition and remembrance and reject efforts to enlist, engage, or otherwise associate the United States Government with denial of the Armenian Genocide or any other genocide. We need to remember the past and correct ongoing tragedies in front of us.

As part of those remembrance efforts, I am also an original cosponsor of the Armenian Genocide Education Act, H.R. 7555, which would direct the Library of Congress to carry out Armenian Genocide education programs, including the dissemination of materials to state and local education leaders encouraging the adoption of Armenian Genocide curricula in secondary and post-secondary education.

I stand with my constituents of Armenian descent in commemorating the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. With that, Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commemoration.

#### SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6445—the Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2022, which reauthorizes the Small Business Development Center Program through FY2025 and amends the Small Business Act to require an annual report on entrepreneurial development programs.

H.R. 6445 will authorize the appropriation of \$175 million for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2025 for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program. The program awards grants to centers that counsel and train current and prospective small-business owners.

The Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act would help strengthen the SBDC network and allow the center to do more to build awareness of their programs and services.

More specifically, H.R. 6445 will prohibit entities other than institutions of higher education from receiving new grants under the program; allow centers to collect fees related to private partnerships or co-sponsorships; authorize centers to market their services directly to small businesses; and modify or establish provisions related to program funding, operations, data collection, and reporting.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Business Dynamics Statistics, about 97 percent of businesses in the greater Houston area are considered small businesses.

Companies that employ less than 500 people collectively employ 44 percent of Houston's workforce, or 1.2 million people.

Eighty-two percent of businesses operating in the Houston area have fewer than 20 employees. Together, these businesses employ just under 400,000 workers, or about 14 percent of the regional workforce.

According to a study done by Self Financial, a personal finance service, there are nearly 170,000 minority-owned startups in the U.S., employing over 700,000 people and generating close to \$100 billion in annual revenue.

The study states that Houston ranks fifth in the Nation for minority entrepreneurship.

Nearly 35 percent of Houston-area small businesses employing 50 or fewer people are minority-owned.

And based on demographic trends, these numbers are likely to grow as the population continues to diversify on racial and ethnic lines.

As a senior Member of the House Committees on Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Budget, I have and continue to advocate and fight for funding for the self-employed, independent contractors, sole proprietors, and small businesses.

In the early stages of the pandemic, I introduced H.R. 6292, the COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grants Act, to help struggling farmers, ranchers, and small businesses that suffered an economic loss due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Specifically, this legislation would have established a \$1 billion fund to provide direct relief to eligible parties who were experiencing financial losses due to the coronavirus.

The bill supported the American people by preserving the economic viability of small businesses that have been devastated by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Entrepreneurship is the backbone of American commerce, especially small businesses that are significant drivers of economic growth and job creation in the U.S.

Small businesses provide opportunities for entrepreneurs, jobs for neighbors and gathering places for communities. They're rooted in the landscape where they grow, and foster local economies, keeping money close to home.

Small Business Development Centers are an essential resource for small business owners, especially those who have been historically disadvantaged. SBDC's provide them with business advising, access to training, tools, and resources to help small businesses start, grow, expand, and succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 6445 the Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act because we must support our country's small businesses to ensure that our economy is prosperous.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 2021-2022 AAAA STATE CHAMPIONS: THE SPENCER GREENWAVE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Georgia High



School Association 2021–2022 AAAA Boys Basketball Georgia State Champions, the William Henry Spencer High School Greenwave of Columbus, Georgia.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2022, the Greenwave won the state championship game against Westover High School by a score of 62–42. This was the fifth game of the season against the Westover Patriots, and it was an exciting end to their series. This historic victory marked the first state title championship for William Henry Spencer High School.

Their victory in this season's AAAA state championship follows years of frustration, but their hard work and determination this year came bursting forth into an unbelievable season of teamwork and athletic excellence. The perseverance of the Greenwave, after a 28-game winning streak in the team's impressive 30-2 record, was clearly shown by this spectacular season.

This talented roster consisted of seniors, Kyrie Deas, Jamie Jackson, and Randall Dixon; juniors, Jonathan Holmes, Ryan Mobley, Jhalienne Drake, Antonio "TJ" Cochran, Tycen McDaniels, Wy'Darius Scott, and Vasean Moody; sophomores, Mor-Le'Draeyon "Dray" Duncan, Gary Gaithers, and Key'Shaun Sampton; and a freshman, Tony Montgomery.

I cannot put into words the tremendous pride that the citizens of Columbus, and indeed the entire Second Congressional District, have in being able to call this outstanding team of athletes their own. They have accomplished an incredible feat, one that could not have been possible without the tireless leadership and encouragement from their Co-Athletic Director and Head Varsity Coach, Quantavious Allen; Co-Athletic Director, Joseph Kegler; Assistant Coach, the late Douglas Cromartie; the Principal, Assistant Principal, teachers, and support staff as well as their families, classmates, and members of the community who believed in them and their ability to bring home a state championship title.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District in congratulating and honoring these hardworking young men who have persevered, sacrificed, and achieved the pinnacle of success in basketball—the Georgia AAAA State Championship title.

#### IN MEMORY OF PHILLIP PITTMAN

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a patriotic American, Mr. Phillip Pittman. Mr. Pittman lived in Versailles, Kentucky and passed away on April 6, 2022.

Mr. Pittman was born and raised in Jackson, Tennessee. He was drafted by the United States Army in 1966 and attended flight school as a warrant officer. Mr. Pittman flew the OH-6 on his first tour with the 7th squadron, 17th Cavalry "Ruthless Raiders" at Pleiku Air Base, Vietnam. He was commissioned to Lieutenant. On his second tour of duty, he flew RU-8Ds with the 1st Radio Research Company at Cam Rahn Bay Air Base, Viet-

nam. After a 26-year distinguished Army career, Mr. Pittman retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Following his active-duty service, Mr. Pittman had a 20-year career with L3 Communications, supporting SOFSA at Bluegrass Station in Lexington, KY. He also was a founding member of Honor Flight Kentucky in 2015. He served as the organization's president from 2019 to 2021 and was an ambassador since Honor Flight Kentucky's beginning. Honor Flight Kentucky has flown 1,000 WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans to their memorials in Washington, D.C. Along with co-founder George Campbell, Mr. Pittman believed strongly in providing a meaningful experience for each veteran who was able to participate. Through his work with Honor Flight Kentucky, Mr. Pittman created a lasting legacy of appreciation for our veterans.

It is my honor to recognize this amazing patriot, celebrate his life, and appreciate him for his service and sacrifice to our nation. Mr. Pittman exemplified the American spirit through his courageous service and his dedication to his fellow veterans. I am forever grateful for Americans like Phill Pittman.

#### RECOGNIZING FEDERAL AMMUNITION ON THEIR 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

### HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an American institution in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, Federal Ammunition, on their centennial anniversary.

On this day in 1922, Charles Horn purchased the Federal Cartridge and Machine Company in Anoka, Minnesota. Since then, they have been manufacturing ammunition which has helped American troops fight for freedom in every major global conflict since World War II, and law enforcement officers protect our communities. Just recently this year, Federal sent one million rounds of ammunition to the Ukrainian people to support their fight for freedom.

Currently, Federal employs more than 1,500 people in Anoka. Since the company's founding however, Federal has employed thousands of Minnesotans and Americans across the country, producing billions of rounds of ammunition.

I want to congratulate the entire Federal Ammunition team, past and present, on their 100-year anniversary and thank them for their commitment to Minnesotan and American ideals.

#### IN MEMORIAM OF UMA SENGUPTA

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Uma SenGupta, a lifelong educator and the first Indian American woman elected as a Democratic District Leader in Queens. Uma

passed away peacefully on March 9, 2022. She is known for her steadfast commitment to ensuring justice, access, and equity for Indian Americans in Queens.

In 1970 Uma moved to New York with her husband Suprabhat. Shortly after arriving, Uma founded the Rainbow Montessori School in Flushing and became its first educational director. During her 30+ years as an educator Uma became a fixture of the Indian community in Flushing which led her to make history in 2004 when she was elected as a Democratic District Leader in Queens. Uma used her role as a District Leader to encourage minorities, women, and other marginalized populations to become more directly involved in the political process. Because of her vital work in this area the number of women, minorities and immigrants involved in local politics has increased substantially which is a testament to the lasting impact of her efforts.

Madam Speaker, my constituents and I are grateful to Uma for everything she did for New York City throughout her long and storied career. May she rest well.

#### ONE STOP SHOP FOR SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4877 the One Stop Shop for Small Business Compliance Act of 2021 to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a website compiling small entity compliance guides and contact information for individuals who can assist small businesses with each guide.

H.R. 4877 will compile information on federal regulations that govern small business operations onto one website, making it easier for firms to educate themselves on the small business compliance guidelines.

Currently, small business compliance guides are published on several different agency websites, making it difficult for small businesses that usually don't have the time or resources to navigate the web to fully comply with their responsibilities under new laws.

The centralized website would not only accumulate small business compliance guides, but it would also provide small business owners with details regarding the appropriate agency and staff members who owners should contact regarding regulatory assistance.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's Business Dynamics Statistics, 82 percent of firms operating in Houston have fewer than 20 employees. Together, these businesses employ just under 400,000 workers, or about 14 percent of the regional workforce.

Houston also adds more than 9,200 new startups annually.

H.R. 4877, the One Stop Shop for Small Business Compliance Act, will make it easier for thousands of Houstonian entrepreneurs and people across the country to comply with the small business compliance guides.



## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL WALTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I missed the passage vote on concurring in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 7018—Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 124.

## HONORING 50 YEARS OF FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY SPOKANE

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program.

Serving the Spokane community since 1972, this residency program is the oldest family residency program in Washington and graduated the first class of three family medicine physicians just two years after launching. Over the last 50 years, interest in the program has blossomed and residency classes have grown. In 2014, the program grew again with the help of the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education funding program.

The 365 graduates of this program have gone on to provide primary care services in their communities, taken on leadership roles in other residency programs, received prestigious national appointments to various associations, and some have even returned to the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program as faculty to help mentor incoming resident physicians.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Family Medicine Residency Spokane played an integral role in the continuation of care delivery by serving as urgent care overflow. Their commitment to care helped ease the burden on urgent care facilities and emergency rooms across Spokane. They also provided telemedicine care to patients who were unable to visit in-person, administered immunizations to community members during one of the first vaccine clinics in Spokane, and stood ready to assist in our hospitals.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of the Family Medicine Residency Spokane program. They are truly frontline heroes, and I wish them the best during this 50th year of service and beyond.

## RECOGNITION OF BOBBIEJO LAZO

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bobbiejo Lazo for receiving the Veterans of Foreign Distinguished Service Award. Bobbiejo has been the department of Virginia's State Service Officer for 7

years, and previously served as Post Junior Vice Commander. As State Service Officer, Bobbiejo has built a new organization to assist veterans from the ground through hiring and training personnel. Over the course of 7 years, Bobbiejo was able to lead her team in providing crucial high-quality support to veterans.

Bobbiejo served in the Army for 6 years and earned her Veteran of Foreign War eligibility bravely fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her bravery has earned her numerous other military accolades including the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Bobbiejo Lazo. Words alone cannot express our gratitude for her service and excellent support of Veterans. May God bless Bobbiejo as she continues to serve her nation and our veterans. I look forward to seeing her continued excellence.

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF UNION FIRE COMPANY NO. 2 IN BALLSTON SPA, NEW YORK

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Union Fire Company No. 2 in Ballston Spa, New York as they celebrate their "Old Timers" at their annual banquet. This fire company has shown great pride in their community and has served Ballston Spa's residents for over one hundred years.

In 1855, a group of firefighters known as the "Star Fire Co." began serving the Ballston Spa community. On June 11, 1901, they officially became Union Fire Company No. 2 and have been proudly protecting their community ever since. Over the last century, the fire company has continuously grown and has now expanded to a two story and two bay facility that can house multiple apparatuses. In 2001, the company had the honor of celebrating one hundred years of faithful service to the Ballston Spa community and surrounding areas. The company also proudly boasts numerous trophies and awards won by their incredible team and the department's band. In 2019, the company responded to a record total of 419 emergency calls, exemplifying their unwavering dedication to the safety of the Ballston Spa community.

With the motto "Ever Ready," the Union Fire Company prides itself on its exceptional community outreach. In addition to their annual banquets celebrating their past and current members, they also hold numerous community events. Ballston Spa's youth are a major focus for this company, demonstrated in their sponsorship of many local sports teams and their fire safety lessons for young students.

Union Fire Company No. 2 has shown tremendous dedication to protecting and serving the Ballston Spa community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am proud to honor and thank every current and past member of Union Fire Company No. 2.

## BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK EXPANSION AND REDESIGNATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of S. 270, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park Expansion and Redesignation Act.

S. 270 will redesignate the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas as the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park.

Further, the bill will expand the Brown v. Board of Education designation by establishing additional sites in South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

The Topeka, Kansas site has memorialized the stories of perseverance for equal access to education. However, when Brown v. Board of Education was litigated at the U.S. Supreme Court, it consolidated four other school segregation cases and it is important that we recognize this through expanding the Brown v. Board National Historic Site to each of these four relevant locations.

These cases were Briggs v. Elliot in South Carolina, Davis v. County of Virginia, Gebhart v. Belton of Delaware, and Bolling v. Sharpe of the District of Columbia.

The Supreme Court's landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education found that racial segregation in public education violated the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees all citizens equal protection of laws.

The effect of this decision was the end of segregation in public schools, effectively overturning the doctrine of "separate but equal" established by the Court in the 1896 decision of Plessy v. Ferguson.

Every child has a right to equitable education and learning opportunities without being limited by their race and other arbitrary or irrelevant factors.

It is incredible how Brown v. Board overturned what was a commonplace injustice. And in its place formed a new reality where every student can learn unhindered by the color of their skin or their ethnicity.

This case changed the course of civil rights in this country and set a powerful precedent for equality and human dignity around the world.

In memorializing this unprecedented decision, it is vital we consider the states and respective towns involved in this case. Each of the 5 cases contributes its own unique stories and backgrounds in the struggle for educational equity.

By establishing additional sites and affiliated areas in South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia, we ensure that the 5 major cases and locations in Brown v. Board are commemorated in each of the locations that gave rise to this historic transformation.

I urge all members to join me in voting for S. 270, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park Expansion and Redesignation Act.

IN HONOR OF THE BLUEGRASS  
AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the members of the Bluegrass Area Development District on their 50th anniversary.

The BGADD is a non-profit organization serving over 800,000 residents in the Kentucky counties of Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, and Woodford. For the past 50 years, The Bluegrass ADD has provided a regional voice for local governments on issues such as planning, economic development, environment, transportation, homeland security, public utilities, aging and independent living, and workforce development.

The concept of Area Development Districts (ADDs) originated in Kentucky in the early 1960's with the establishment of Area Development Councils. These Councils were organized in all counties and ultimately became the model for the Area Development authorization in landmark federal acts such as the Appalachian Regional Development Act led by Kentuckian John Whisman and the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1963. The fifteen Area Development Districts were formed during the period that followed, 1966 to 1971, serving all 120 Kentucky counties. The Bluegrass ADD (BGADD) was the last ADD to incorporate, filing their articles of incorporation on November 8, 1971.

It is my honor to recognize the members, the leaders, and the dedicated staff of the Bluegrass Area Development District. I congratulate them on their 50-year history, celebrate their many accomplishments, and look forward to many years of serving the citizens of central Kentucky.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF FREDERICK LAW  
OLMSTED

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today we honor the tremendous legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted. April 26, 2022, marks the 200th anniversary of his birth, a day to celebrate and reflect on the great impact he had in my home community of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York and across the country.

When we visit and admire our national parks, we owe a great gratitude to Frederick Law Olmsted, as he was one of the first individuals to promote the idea of national parks in his 1865 Yosemite Report. He is remembered as the premier landscape architect in the United States during the 19th century and is considered to be the founder of landscape architecture in the United States.

His work and designs included a plethora of different types of landscapes. He worked to develop parks and parkways, college campuses, planned communities, estates, cemeteries, and recreation areas.

In our very own community, we see his impact reflected in the Buffalo Olmsted Park System; the first of its kind in this country which today is recognized on the National Register for Historic Places, and in his design of the State Reservation at Niagara, the first and oldest State Park in the United States which preserved public access to the mighty and splendid Niagara Falls.

It was not just the landscapes themselves that were impressive, but Olmsted's philosophy behind his work and designs which were visionary and have stood the test of time. He believed that landscape designs should promote community, advance democracy, provide recreational opportunities in urban environments, nurture and invigorate public health, and encourage the development of livable communities.

This philosophy was carried out well into the 20th century by Olmsted's associates, sons, and successor firms, leaving a tremendous legacy of historic landscapes that continues to benefit all Americans and visitors.

Madam Speaker, Olmsted's landscape designs are inclusive, enduring, and embrace the restorative value of parks which continue to play a valuable role in society today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF ADRIANO BAZA PANGELINAN

**HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Adriano Baza Pangelinan. Adriano was a pioneer of contemporary art and esteemed ambassador of Guam whose love for our island and people has and continues to resonate in countless ways. We will fondly remember him as a talented visionary that has helped shape the history and revitalize the spirit of artistry for our community.

As a student at George Washington High School, Adriano launched a distinguished art career at an early age. In the late 1960s, Adriano's undeniable talent, understanding, and use of color compelled his art teacher to submit several of his works to various national and international student art shows. Garnering much attention and acclamation from throughout the world, 17-year-old Adriano was invited to the Chautauqua Institute Art Exhibit in New York State. Shortly thereafter, knowledge of his name and work began to spread. An article about him was published in the New York Times, he was invited to exhibit a one-man show at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and he received numerous other exhibition invitations from places such as Japan and Texas.

Passionate about elevating his creative skills and work, Adriano earned his Master of Fine Arts degree in painting from Southern Illinois University in 1973. By then, he had captivated a worldwide audience and obtained international recognition. Yet instead of taking his wisdom and expertise abroad, he chose to return home to give back to the very people and island often at the center of his vivid watercolor pieces. Upon his arrival, he took on a role as a professor of art at the University of Guam up until his retirement in 1993. For two

decades he served as a teacher and mentor—supporting generations of young artists along their personal paths of success. Today, the distinctive colors, perspective, and character embodied in Adriano's work can be found in many local public spaces including Guam's A. B. Won Pat International Airport, the Guam Legislature, King's Restaurant, Pacific Islands Club Resort, Guam Hilton Hotel, and numerous other hotels. With themes ranging from island customs and daily activities to architecture and homes, they persist as stunning reminders of the beauty that he saw, and we can similarly discover, in our lives, history, and culture.

Adriano Baza Pangelinan is an icon of ingenuity who continues to inspire emerging artists and appreciators alike. My family and I wish to extend our hearts and prayers for Adriano, his wife Shiela, children Adriano, Carlos, Marilyn, Sean, and Dano, and the rest of their family and friends, and I join the People of Guam in remembering and celebrating his life and legacy of remaining grounded in one's community and roots no matter where their success may take them. Though Adriano will be deeply missed, he will be welcomed at the Heavenly Gates by his dear mother Pilar, father Vicente, siblings Cristobal, Abelina, Enrique, and Jose, and daughter Filomena, and his love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of the People of Guam.

HONORING REBECCA REYNOLDS  
FOR BEING AWARDED THE GOLD  
AWARD BY GIRL SCOUTS OF  
MICHIGAN SHORE TO SHORE

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Rebecca Reynolds for being awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. Through her devotion to her community, Rebecca successfully secured multiple grants to help provide funding for modernized technology and resources for her peers.

The Gold Award is a highly prestigious honor given out to only a small fraction of Girl Scouts each year. Since 1916, the Girl Scout's Gold Award has been the highest possible achievement of scouts, typically taking between 1–2 years of work to obtain. Rebecca Reynolds of Gaylord, Michigan, is one of the honorees that will be receiving the Gold Award through her efforts to create a Makerspace at the Otsego County Library. She achieved this goal by securing three grants to help modernize resources available to her peers and the public. As a result of Rebecca's work, two 3D printers, a CNC Machine, Sphero Robots, and many other materials are now available for public use. I commend her selfless work on behalf of her fellow Michiganders, which will surely inspire many to take up interests in STEM education.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Rebecca Reynolds for being awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

NATIONAL LIBERTY MEMORIAL  
PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 26, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6201, the "National Liberty Memorial Preservation Act."

Four hundred years ago, ships set sail from the west coast of Africa and in the process, began one of humankind's most inhumane practices: human bondage and slavery. For two centuries, human beings—full of hopes and fears, dreams and concerns, ambition and anguish—were transported onto ships like chattel, and the lives of many forever changed.

The reverberations from this horrific series of acts—a transatlantic slave trade that touched the shores of a colony that came to be known as America, and later a democratic republic known as the United States of America—are not fully recognized and remain worthy of further exploration. Approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their descendants were enslaved from 1619 to 1865 in the Americas and thereafter in the United States.

The institution of slavery was constitutionally and statutorily sanctioned by the Government of the United States from 1789 through 1865. American slavery is our country's original sin and its existence at the birth of our nation is a permanent scar on our country's founding principles and documents, as well as on the venerated authors of those documents. It is a legacy that continued well into the last century.

The framework for the Constitution and our country to which we all take an oath describes African Americans as three-fifths of a person. The infamous Dred Scott decision of the United States Supreme Court, issued decades later, described slaves as private property, unworthy of citizenship.

And, a civil war that produced the largest death toll of American fighters in any conflict in our history could not prevent the indignities of Jim Crow, the fire hose gatherings, the beatings at lunch counters; and the systemic and institutional discrimination that would follow for a century after the end of the Civil War.

"The mythology built around the Civil War—that victory by the North eradicated slavery and all of its vestiges throughout our nation—has obscured our discussions of the impact of chattel slavery and made it difficult to have a national dialogue on how to fully account for its place in American history and public policy.

While it is nearly impossible to determine how the lives touched by slavery could have flourished in the absence of bondage, we have certain data that permits us to examine how a subset of Americans—African Americans—have been affected by the callousness of involuntary servitude.

By the end of the Civil War, roughly 179,000 black men (10 percent of the Union Army) served as soldiers in the U.S. Army and another 19,000 served in the Navy. Nearly 40,000 black soldiers died over the course of

the war—30,000 of whom died of infection or disease. Black soldiers served in artillery and infantry units and performed all noncombat support functions that sustain an army, as well. Black carpenters, chaplains, cooks, guards, laborers, nurses, scouts, spies, steamboat pilots, surgeons, and teamsters also contributed to the war cause.

There were nearly 80 black commissioned officers. Black women, who could not formally join the Army, nonetheless served as nurses, spies, and scouts, the most famous being Harriet Tubman, who scouted for the 2d South Carolina Volunteers.

Because of prejudice against them, black units were not used in combat as extensively as they might have been. Nevertheless, the soldiers served with distinction in a number of battles. Black infantrymen fought gallantly at Milliken's Bend, LA; Port Hudson, LA; Petersburg, VA; and Nashville, TN. The July 1863 assault on Fort Wagner, SC, in which the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers lost two-thirds of their officers and half of their troops, was memorably dramatized in the film *Glory*. By war's end, 16 black soldiers had been awarded the Medal of Honor for their valor.

In addition to the perils of war faced by all Civil War soldiers, black soldiers faced additional problems stemming from racial prejudice. Racial discrimination was prevalent even in the North, and discriminatory practices permeated the U.S. military. Segregated units were formed with black enlisted men and typically commanded by white officers and black noncommissioned officers.

The 54th Massachusetts was commanded by Robert Shaw and the 1st South Carolina by Thomas Wentworth Higginson—both white. Black soldiers were initially paid \$10 per month from which \$3 was automatically deducted for clothing, resulting in a net pay of \$7. In contrast, white soldiers received \$13 per month from which no clothing allowance was drawn. In June 1864 Congress granted equal pay to the U.S. Colored Troops and made the action retroactive. Black soldiers received the same rations and supplies. In addition, they received comparable medical care.

The black troops, however, faced greater peril than white troops when captured by the Confederate Army. In 1863 the Confederate Congress threatened to severely punish officers of black troops and to enslave black soldiers. As a result, President Lincoln issued General Order 233, threatening reprisal on Confederate prisoners of war (POWs) for any mistreatment of black troops. Although the threat generally restrained the Confederates, black captives were typically treated more harshly than white captives.

In perhaps the most heinous known example of abuse, Confederate soldiers shot to death black Union soldiers captured at the Fort Pillow, TN, engagement of 1864. Confederate General Nathan B. Forrest witnessed the massacre and did nothing to stop it.

Madam Speaker, it is obvious that this chamber needs to pass this legislation to honor these soldiers' lives. Black people's labor and service must be amplified because it often goes intentionally overlooked, and this legislation is key in righting that historical wrong.

I am proud to support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do as well.

HONORING SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
SUPERVISOR VINCENT DULESKY**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of one of our finest.

I would like to commemorate Special Operations Supervisor Vincent Dulesky, who passed away on April 1, 2022. Supervisor Dulesky was the head of public affairs at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Yuma Sector Headquarters.

Supervisor Dulesky was born on June 15, 1974 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a great boxer and earned a college wrestling scholarship. He attended Arizona Western College and the University of Phoenix.

He proudly served this country in the United States Marine Corps. He also worked as a Border Patrol agent in Ajo, Arizona and as a supervisor in Blythe, California.

My office staff met with Supervisor Dulesky a number of times and found him to be very informative and professional. He was cheerful, friendly and down-to-earth, a real man of the people. But what struck them most about Supervisor Dulesky was his sense of duty—the feeling that his profession was more than a job—it was a vocation or calling.

But Supervisor Dulesky was not just a great athlete and superb law enforcement officer. He had a softer side. He bonded with his family through his fandom of the Kansas City Chiefs. He was a farmer, had pet chickens, and loved to cook. And he was constantly smiling and laughing—but always accompanied with an outstretched hand to help.

Especially in these times of crisis on a southern border, the competence and care that Supervisor Dulesky never ceased to exhibit every day will be sorely missed. But nothing can compare to what this loss means for his family.

I would like his loved ones, his beloved wife Barbie, and children, Chloe, 25, Jaden, 19, Delilah, 11, and Gigi, 10, to know that they are in my prayers. Even though I know that they do not need me to tell them this, they should be incredibly proud of their husband and father's service to our country.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to an unforeseen conflict, I missed Roll Call No. 126. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 126.

IN RECOGNITION OF CARTHAGE COLLEGE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ON APRIL 23, 2022

### HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Carthage College men's volleyball team. On April 23, the Carthage Firebirds won the NCAA Division III National Championship. The Firebirds played in a tough 16-team tournament to reach the top. They dominated their competition, beating Mount Union College, Dominican University, and Wentworth Institute of Technology all without losing a single set.

In the final, Carthage faced #1 ranked Springfield College and won, 3 sets to 1. The Firebirds succeeded in the regular season and the tournament. They earned a well-deserved championship—a remarkable accomplishment in its own right—but this is Carthage's second championship in as many years. The Firebirds defended their title and beat the top-ranked team in the country to do it. They played the championship at their home arena, where Carthage students and fans helped cheer the Firebirds to victory.

Congratulations to Coach JW Kieckhefer, the Firebirds team, and the entire Carthage College community on this achievement. Best of luck to the Firebirds' men's volleyball team on their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAY ZAVALA

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jay Zavala, as he is named the 2022 Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce.

Jay moved to Falmouth, Massachusetts, in 2000, and has since established himself as a pillar of the community through his extensive involvement with the town over the past two decades. Jay, a veteran of the Vietnam War, writes, produces, and hosts the Town of Falmouth's Annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast each year. With a knack for TV production, Jay also sits on the Falmouth Community Television Advisory Council and works as a FCTV production volunteer.

After being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2016, Jay joined the American Parkinson Disease Association Massachusetts Chapter, and was later elected Vice President of the chapter. In recognition of Jay's advocacy on behalf of individuals with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers, Jay was named the 2021 honoree for the third annual APDA MA-Cape Cod Optimism Walk.

Following a career in government contracting, corporate marketing and sales, and independent business consulting, Jay applied his professional expertise and commitment to community service to a series of productive pursuits. Jay served as President and CEO of the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce, Chair of

the Continuing and Adult Education Advisory Committee of Upper Cape Regional Technical School, and Vice Chair of the Cape Cod Commission. Further, Jay has served on the board of directors for several local organizations, including Friends of Fairwinds Clubhouse, Falmouth Housing Trust, Open Cape Corporation, and the Falmouth Economic Development and Industrial Corporation. Through his civic engagement, Jay has devoted his life to supporting and bettering his community.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Jay Zavala and ask that my colleagues join me in commending him for his many years of dedication and service to the Cape Cod community and our country.

### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

#### MAY 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation.

SD-106

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Transportation.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Department of State authorization, focusing on strengthening U.S. diplomacy for the 21st century.

SD-419/VTC

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

To hold hearings to examine connecting workers and communities, focusing on preparing and supporting the broadband workforce.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine medical mistreatment of women in ICE detention.

SD-562

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights

To hold hearings to examine an ethical judiciary, focusing on transparency and accountability for 21st century courts.

SD-226

12 noon

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Dara Lindenbaum, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

S-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Internal Revenue Service.

SD-138

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the VA workforce, focusing on assessing ways to bolster recruitment and retention.

SR-418

#### MAY 4

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Energy.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Homeland Security

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-106

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed  
budget estimates and justification for  
fiscal year 2023 for the Forest Service.

SD-124

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nomi-  
nations of John N. Nkengasong, of  
Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large,  
Coordinator of United States Govern-  
ment Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS  
Globally, Marc B. Nathanson, of Cali-  
fornia, to be Ambassador to the King-  
dom of Norway, MaryKay Loss Carlson,  
of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the  
Republic of the Philippines, Philip S.  
Goldberg, of the District of Columbia,  
to be Ambassador to the Republic of  
Korea, and Caroline Kennedy, of New  
York, to be Ambassador to the Com-  
monwealth of Australia, all of the De-  
partment of State, amendments to the  
Treaty on Fisheries between the Gov-  
ernments of Certain Pacific Island  
States and the Government of the  
United States of America (Treaty Doc.  
115-3), agreement between the Govern-  
ment of the United States of America  
and the Government of the Republic of  
Croatia comprising the instrument as  
contemplated by Article 3(2) of the  
Agreement on Extradition between the  
United States of America and the Eu-  
ropean Union, signed June 25, 2003, as  
to the Application of the Treaty on Ex-  
tradition signed on October 25, 1901 (the  
“U.S.-Croatia Extradition Agree-  
ment”), and the Agreement between  
the Government of the United States  
and the Government of the Republic of  
Croatia comprising the Instrument as  
contemplated by Article 3(3) of the  
Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance  
between the United States of America  
and the European Union signed at

Washington on June 25, 2003 (the “U.S.-  
Croatia Mutual Legal Assistance  
Agreement”), both signed at Wash-  
ington on December 10, 2019 (Treaty  
Doc. 116-2), amendment to the Mon-  
treál Protocol on Substances that De-  
plete the Ozone Layer (the “Montreal  
Protocol”), adopted at Kigali on Octo-  
ber 15, 2016, by the Twenty-Eighth  
Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal  
Protocol (the “Kigali Amendment”) (Treaty Doc. 117-1), and other pending  
calendar business.

S-116

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine excessive  
swipe fees and barriers to competition  
in the credit and debit card systems.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Over-  
sight

To hold hearings to examine laws and en-  
forcement governing the political ac-  
tivities of tax exempt entities.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology,  
and the Law

To hold hearings to examine platform  
transparency, focusing on under-  
standing the impact of social media.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomi-  
nations of Jane Hartley, of New York, to  
be Ambassador to the United Kingdom  
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,  
Alan M. Leventhal, of Massachusetts,  
to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of  
Denmark, Constance J. Milstein, of  
New York, to be Ambassador to the Re-  
public of Malta, and Bruce I. Turner, of  
Colorado, for the rank of Ambassador  
during his tenure of service as U.S.

Representative to the Conference on  
Disarmament, all of the Department of  
State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419/VTC

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions  
and Consumer Protection

To hold hearings to examine overdraft  
fees and their effects on working fami-  
lies.

SD-538

Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine resources  
and authorities needed to protect and  
secure the homeland.

SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine  
implementing the Infrastructure In-  
vestment and Jobs Act for Native com-  
munities, focusing on setting new foun-  
dations.

SD-628

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction,  
Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed  
budget estimates and justification for  
fiscal year 2023 and advance appropria-  
tions requests for fiscal year 2024 for  
the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-124

MAY 5

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing  
and ensuring order on the southwest  
border.

SD-106